

ABSTRACT

A towing hitch extension is provided that is adapted to protect the rear bumper, especially a plastic bumper, of a towing vehicle. The hitch extension includes a tow bar with front and rear ends. The front end couples to the rear towing hitch of the towing vehicle. The rear end is mounted to a transversely extending, horizontally oriented, elongated cross bar medially and also to a trailer hitch receiver that is somewhat above the tow bar. A pair of guard projections, such as a pair of tow hooks for example, upstand from the cross bar on either side of the tow bar. Braces, preferably metal plate members, are preferably mounted to the tow bar and the cross bar to strengthen the position of the cross-bar relative to the tow bar.